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TITLE OF INVENTION: ELECTRONIC ADJUSTABLE PEDAL ASSEMBLY

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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

PART I.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 5-8-97.
2. ☒ All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.
3. ☒ The allowed claims are 1-8 and 10-16 renumbered as 1-15.
4. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has [] been received. [] not been received. [] been filed in parent application Serial No. _____, filed on _____.
6. ☒ Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.
7. ☒ Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413.
8. ☒ Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
9. ☐ Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.
10. ☐ Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

PART II.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" indicated on this form. Failure to timely comply will result in the ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

1. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
2. ☒ APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE DRAWING CHANGES INDICATED BELOW IN THE MANNER SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAPER.
 - a. ☒ Drawing informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 3. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - b. ☒ The proposed drawing correction filed on 5-8-97 has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - c. ☐ Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - d. ☒ Formal drawings are now REQUIRED.

Any response to this letter should include in the upper right hand corner, the following information from the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE: ISSUE BATCH NUMBER, DATE OF THE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, AND SERIAL NUMBER.

Attachments:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment | - Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413 | - Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948 |
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| - Notice of References Cited, PTO-892 | - Other |
| - Information Disclosure Citation, PTO-1449 | |

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Donald Wood on June 5, 1997. During the interview it was clarified that claim 9 was intended to be cancelled by the amendment of May 8, 1997. Furthermore, it is noted that although new claim 16 incorrectly includes underlining, it is correct as it reads.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 16, line 15, --structure-- has been inserted after "pedal".

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE


3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not disclose or render obvious a pedal assembly for a vehicle comprising a carrier, guide means mounting the carrier for fore and aft movement relative to the vehicle, drive means for moving the carrier along the guide means, a pedal structure mounted on the carrier for movement relative to the carrier and including a pedal pad, and particularly generator means operative in response to movement of the pedal structure relative to the carrier to generate an electric control signal that varies in magnitude in proportion to the extent of movement of the pedal structure relative to the carrier so that the control signal is proportioned to and indicative of the position of the pedal structure relative to the carrier, a coil spring arranged to be tightened in response to force applied to the pedal pad, and means operative in response to tightening of the spring to generate a frictional resistance force.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Mimi Battista at telephone number (703) 305-6306.


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